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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

November 3, 1983

Leland E. Modesitt Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Modesitt:

The enclosed correspondence is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Sincerely,

John McCain Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Udall,

It has come to my attention that the arsenic emissions standards are to be based upon the "Best Affordable Technology" and the protection of prefit for the copper mining companies, instead of upon the protection of the public health. Arsenic is known to be carcinogenic and an extremely toxic poison. Zero emissions should be the goal- there is no safe expesure amount.

Under the proposed standards the approximate death rate per 10,000 people from cancer caused by these arsenic emissions is from 9.4 to 150. As a citizen of the United States I cannot accept that a prefit margin is more important than even one of these lives. The first Constitutional right we have is life itself. We are all entitled to the basic right to a clean, safe environment in which to live.

Furthermore, hearings on the proposed standards should be held in Arizonapreferably in Tucsen, which is located near almost half of the nation's copper smelters. Arizonans should at least be heard on this issue for it is our lives which will be affected.

Sincerely,

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